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Appellants Supplemental Reply Brief

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This Supplemental Reply is made in response to the Substitute Examiner's Answer. Paper No. 9, Mailed Feb. 22, 2001.

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## The Substitute Examiner's Answer Should Not Be Entered In This Record Or Otherwise Considered In This Appeal

30 37 CFR 1.191 et seq. and in particular Sec. 1.193 (b)(1) Examiner's answer and reply brief, requires after Appellant has filed a Reply, that

> The primary examiner must either acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief or withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution to respond to the reply brief. A supplemental examiner's answer is not permitted, unless the application has been remanded by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for such purpose.

Appellant has filed an Appeal Brief and Examiner has filed an Examiner's Answer. 40 See Paper No. 9. In reply, Appellant has filed a Reply Brief which has been entered. See Paper No. 9, page 2, 1st paragraph. Under Rule 193(b)(2), Examiner is ordered to acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief or reopen prosecution. No supplemental examiner's answer is permitted. Examiner must not answer the Reply Brief unless he first reopens prosecution. Clearly Examiner has made his choice not to reopen prosecution and

no answer to the Reply Brief is permitted, regardless of how Examiner chooses to identify it. 5

Accordingly, this Supplemental Reply Brief should be entered and considered for the limited purpose of objecting to the entry or consideration of Examiner's Substitute Answer as unlawful and a violation of the Rule of Bractice 37 CFR 1.193, and Appellants' due process and equal protection rights.

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